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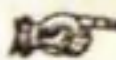
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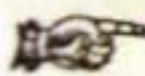
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THURSDAY, FEB. 10TH, 1898.

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Hillsboro, Pocahontas County, Items.

It is with a feeling of deep sadness that we chronicle the death of Richard V. Hill, which occurred at his home near here Tuesday evening of last week about 6 o'clock, in the 68th year of his age. For three or four years prior to his death he had been a great sufferer from hernia and diseased kidneys, but the immediate cause of his death, we have been informed by his physician Dr. J. A. Larue, was neuralgia of the heart (angina pectoris.) Mr. Hill was born and reared in this county, and was widely known and highly esteemed.— He was a man of fine abilities and accomplishments. He served two terms as sheriff and held other positions of trust. As a book-keeper and accountant he had few equals. There had never been a more popular man in the county. He was liked by everybody,

heart, upright in his dealings with his fellow-men—in fact a whole-souled man, whose nobility of character was the admiration of every one. He leaves a brother, George Hill of Falling Spring, and two children, B. C. Hill and Mrs. Sallie McCarty of this place, and a large number of other relatives and friends to mourn his death. His remains were interred in the Oak-Grove cemetery the evening of the 2nd, and notwithstanding the extremely disagreeable weather a large number of people were present to participate in the burial services. May he rest in peace!

The heavy wind last week blew down a large apple tree near James Sheets's residence, smashed in a large window-glass at Payne Bro.'s store, and did a great deal of damage to fences.

Last Friday morning the thermometer registered 14° below zero, and snow covers the Cranberry country to a depth of 14 inches.

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Some parties, while getting ice on the Greenbrier river last week, found a large black bass imprisoned in the ice. Something had eaten or mashed off a portion of its body. The fish would probably have weighed 6 lbs. There is considerable conjecture as to how it met with such a fate,

The free school will close here on the 11th. Prof. Terry will then teach a subscription school, which we hope will be largely patronized. We know of no place that offers better advantages for a good school than Hillsboro.

Mrs. Francis McCoy, who had suffered awfully from an abscess of the liver, died at her home on Williams river January 27th. She was an estimable lady, and leaves a large family and many friends to mourn her death.

Dame Rumor says we will have another wedding soon. J. H. C.

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THURSDAY, MAR. 24TH, 1898.

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Despite the predictions of weather prophets, March up to the present time has given us a great deal of fine weather. Our farmers have done more ploughing and other farm work during the month than we can ever remember of before.

On last Thursday, the 17th, the dwelling house of Mr. Joseph Riley, who lives near Green Bank, was destroyed by fire. There was nothing saved; everything in the house was burned. Mr. Riley's loss will be a heavy one as he carried no insurance. It is thought the fire was of incendiary origin.

Dr. F. T. McClintic is preparing to put up a fine dwelling house near the site of the old one which burned down a few months ago. W. M. Burns is also getting ready to build a large dwelling house. When these are completed they will greatly improve the appearance of Nicholas street.

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George Moore, who lives near Dilley's
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Wednesday, the 23rd, at the residence
of the bride. The Rev. J. H. Dills
conducted the marriage ceremony.
We extend to this worthy young couple
our congratulations, and sincerely wish
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Wm. Mann and wife, of Edray, will
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Miss Rella Clark, who has been
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On the nights of Monday and Tuesday, the 27th and 28th ultimo, a very strange and unaccountable occurrence took place at the house of Geo. Lewis, who lives about a mile from here. On Monday night about 9 o'clock, while Mr. Lewis and his family and two neighbors (Alvin Burr and C. A. Rodgers) were talking around the fireside a great noise was heard on the outside and almost at the same instant an awful looking something, with enormous claws, teeth and eyes and demoniacal expression of face, appeared at one of the windows. The men, much excited and catching up anything they could find to defend themselves with, rushed from the house to make away with the hideous visitor, but to their great astonishment found nothing. They couldn't see or hear anything — not even a track could be found—and very strange to say Mr. Lewis's dogs, which are very fierce and noisy, made no outcry whatever. Mr. Lewis was considerably stirred up over the strange visitation and requested Mr. Burr and Mr. Rodgers to be present on the night fol-

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Sydenstricker with the services and
preached some excellent sermons.

John Peters got his logs out of Lau-
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Nos. 5 and 6, local passenger trains will be laid off about Oct. 1st.

POCAHONTAS Circuit Court will convene next Tuesday, the 4th proximo.

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Our Circuit Court will convene next Tuesday, the 4th.

James Burnsides, who lives on the Greenbrier river a short distance from here, is very ill and not expected to live. Dr. Marshall Peyatt, of our town, is also in a critical condition.

Dr. F. T. McClintic has moved into his new house on Nicholas street. It is a handsome structure, every part of which is nicely and conveniently arranged. The door to the main entrance has genuine stained glass panels, and is the prettiest we know of in this section of country.

The brick flues in the Presbyterian church, which were only built from the third floor up, will be torn down in a few weeks and new flues built from the ground up.

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er- The week before last Josiah Cline,
— aged 80 years, and Birdie Coulter, aged
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nd Rev. Jacob Perry. Josiah has for
nd years had a great antipathy to having
ad his hair cut, and as he appeared on the
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A protracted meeting is now in progress at the M. E. Church, South, here. Rev. J. H. Dills is assisted by Rev. J. R. Van Horne. These ministers will also conduct a quarterly meeting service at Locust next Sunday, Oct. 2nd.

The festival and musical entertainment at Marvin church last week was a success. Forty-seven dollars were raised, an amount sufficient to paint the church.

The Farmers' Institute will meet here next week, Friday and Saturday, the 7th and 8th of October.

Wm. H. Payne and wife left on the 21st inst. to visit friends in the Valley of Virginia.

W. H. Peyatt, who has been visiting his invalid father here for the past three weeks, left Tuesday for his home at Leeds, Kansas. This is his first return to West Virginia during thirty years or more.

J. H. C.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

Business Rules.

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Hillsboro, Pocahontas County, Items.

During the recent snow storm M. F. Gum, of this place, while returning from McClintic's Camp, lost his way in the Black mountains and wandered about for several hours in the bitter, blinding storm. Finally by a stroke of good fortune he found Newton Landes' house, where he remained until the fury of the storm subsided, and then came home with his feet frozen and swollen to twice their natural size, and suffering untold agonies.

On Monday, November 28th, Patrick Henry, who lives near Lobelia, was called from his work by the awful cry of fire! fire!! Hastening home he found his handsome house, where many endearing memories clung, and in which the accumulations of years were stored, enveloped in flames. Mr. Henry, assisted by some of his neighbors, tried to remove some of his household effects from the burning building, but after getting out a few articles had to

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out, with its valuable belongings was a
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carried no insurance. His loss will
probably amount to \$2,000. His house
makes the seventh which has burned
down in that neighborhood, covering a
period of seven years.

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this place, had his right arm and wrist
badly sprained by a horse, which he was
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